

Ship Europa at anchor of Bellona Reef Oct 11/70

Tuesday October 11th /70

Trucked from the Eastward. Towards three boats the morning. The Sonia's boat struck reef, had cut & hit him in. Employed towing & the cooper cutting down some iron chocks

146 fathoms from the reef

Wednesday October 12th /70

moderate breeze from E. Two boats whaling saw for a few whales. Employed stowing down rig

Thursday October 13th /70

Fine weather from the Eastward. Three boats of whaling saw a number of whales, including two cows & calves

Friday October 14th /70

Fine weather with a moderate breeze from the E. about 9 AM the Sonia's boat struck a whale. Took him on the side of the Europa and cut him in. It was a cow with a small calf.

Note: The cow whale is large as an average but the calves is so large they are all cut down & they make for a very little oil

Saturday Oct 15th /70

Sight here from the E. saw two boats, saw one cow & calf & a few balls. Employed killing

Sunday October 16th /70

Fine weather all day. Finished killing about 4 AM. Three boats of whaling took one whale to speak of. At 4 AM the boat came on board. Divided the oil & found we got the Bark four barrels of oil (Bark Sonia) run the oil in the tank tank of the ship all ready

For sea. Found one whale on bay side Sonia. A few small seals with one in the boat

Took our anchor. Oct 17th /70
Sailed for the Southern cruise October 17th /70

Monday October 17th /70

Commenced with a fresh breeze from the E. hove up & went to sea having taken about 115 barrels of sperm black oil. Middle part stowing 1/2 E. 1/2 S. latter part stowing 1/2 W. Bark Sonia a little heave the weather became at dusk Lat 22° 5' S. Long 159° 11' E

Tuesday October 18th /70

Five boats from the E. all sail up. stowing & All hands on deck. Unruffled through the day setting up 1/2 S. 1/2 W. hatching the hatching sailing a new one for the Starboard boat Lat 25° 00' S

Wednesday October 19th /70

Commenced moderate from the E. on both All hands on deck all day setting up rigging & stowing down. Storing 1/2 W. 27.89 15.000

Thursday October 20th /70

Fresh breeze from the E. all sail up stowing 1/2 W. Middle & latter part. Storing 1/2 W. at 6 PM took in for Starboard sail. 1/2 W. & 1/2 S. 1/2 W. 1/2 S. All hands on deck employed setting up rigging & stowing down. Lat 20.00 S Long 157.15 E

Friday October 21st /70

Commenced strong from about N.W. Storing 1/2 W. at 2 PM took in the Starboard & set 1/2 S. & 1/2 W. Watch below to day. Latter part of the day good weather employed stowing down. at dusk shortened sail. Latter part of the wind heading W Lat 22.5 S. Longitude 155.76 E

Saturday October 22nd /70

Commenced moderate from the N. Storing 1/2 W. at daylight made sail. All hands on deck employed to work in the rigging. finished stowing down to day & I am glad of it